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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN JERUSALEM

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“ Did you know? ”

Hebrew University was founded by Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, and Martin Buber

## THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is Israel's premier university and one of the most prestigious universities worldwide. The Division of Undergraduate Studies at its Rothberg International School (RIS), established in 1956, offers a wide variety of semester and yearlong options, taught mainly in English, for students who wish to study at the Hebrew University and transfer credits to their home school.



## JERUSALEM

Jerusalem is well known for its abundant historical and holy sites as well as its fascinating tourist attractions. A city sacred to Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Jerusalem is a meeting of past and present, of ancient roots and modern innovations. Exciting festivals, exhibitions, international conferences and many other special events are held throughout the year, including:

- Jerusalem Light Festival
- Jerusalem International Film Festival
- Jerusalem Marathon
- Sounds of the Old City Festival

As the capital of Israel, Jerusalem is not only the home of the country's governing bodies, national memorials and cultural institutions, but also a political center of national and international significance.





## UNDERGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

The Undergraduate Study Abroad Program at RIS provides a unique academic experience that extends well beyond the limits of the classroom. Students are exposed to Israel's history, as well as its vibrant culture and diverse society, through field trips, special activities and interaction with local Israelis. The program begins with an intensive Hebrew language course (*ulpan*) and continues with academic studies in the following areas:

- Middle Eastern Studies and International Relations
- Israeli History, Politics, Society and Law
- Hebrew Language
- Arabic Language
- The Bible, Archaeology and the Ancient Near East
- Jewish History, Civilization and Education
- Brain and Behavioral Sciences
- Business

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**Independent Study:** Students may submit a proposal to carry out an independent study project under the supervision of a faculty member or expert in the field, who will serve as a mentor and evaluate the project.

**Modern Hebrew language instruction** is an integral part of the program and is designed to facilitate acclimation to Israeli society. Students take a pre-semester, intensive Hebrew program – the September Undergraduate Ulpan or Winter Ulpan in January – as well as Hebrew classes during the semester. Students wishing to take additional hours of Hebrew may enroll in the two-month Summer Ulpan.

### **Courses Taught in English in Hebrew University Faculties:**

Students with relevant background can choose from a growing list of courses taught in English that are offered in the faculties of Science, Humanities, Law, and Social Sciences. These courses generally run three weeks longer than the undergraduate courses offered at RIS and therefore require students to extend their housing arrangements.

See the updated course list at:

<http://shnaton.huji.ac.il/yearbook.php>

“The program enabled me to move beyond the surface to connect on a deeper, more authentic level to the land, my peers, and myself.”

*Robyn Croft, University of Texas at Austin*



## DYNAMICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST: POLITICS AND SOCIETY (DOME)

The Middle East is constantly at the center of world attention. Its geo-political significance, the regional conflicts which affect global stability and the impact of the “Arab Spring” all contribute to this widespread interest. DOME provides an interdisciplinary approach to this exciting field. Following the Winter Ulpan, students take Modern Hebrew or Arabic language courses, a core course in Middle Eastern studies and participate in field trips. Students choose additional courses from the wide selection offered at RIS.

DOME is offered in the spring semester.

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/dome>

“ Everything is relevant to what I’m studying. I’m not just learning in the classroom but also in the city. Every day is a chance to learn. ”  
*Robbie Ellenhorn, University of Washington*



RIS Arabic Language Programs offer students the opportunity to improve their Arabic language skills in Jerusalem.

## ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

The Arabic language is a gateway to the cultural treasures of the Arab and Muslim world and a key to understanding the vibrant and growing Middle East region.

### Modern Standard Arabic Courses

(6 CREDITS PER SEMESTER)

Based on *Al-kitaab* textbooks, 3rd edition (beginners, intermediate, and advanced levels)

### Spoken Arabic Courses

(3 CREDITS PER SEMESTER)

Basic Spoken Arabic in the Levantine dialect (beginners and intermediate levels)

### Arabic Immersion Program

(17 CREDITS PER SEMESTER)

This semester-long program features the following components:

- Modern Standard Arabic
- Spoken Arabic (Amia)
- Academic Course in Islam or Middle Eastern Studies
- Co-curricular Activities:
  - Field trips and special activities designed to promote interaction with native Arabic speakers and to acquaint students with Arab society and culture in Israel
  - Weekly Coffee Club providing an opportunity for students to chat in Arabic with Arab students

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/arabic>



## SPRING IN JERUSALEM HONORS PROGRAM

Outstanding 3rd and 4th year students looking for a unique intellectual challenge are invited to apply for the Spring in Jerusalem Honors Program. Participants study in classes together with Israeli students in various departments of the University and take research seminars at RIS. The program also includes an exclusive series of Sunday morning brunches with key researchers at the Hebrew University, as well as an excursion based on a contemporary theme.

U.S. students admitted to this program will be awarded a merit scholarship.

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/spring>

“Taking part in university studies with Israelis has been a unique opportunity to learn, understand, and be part of Israeli student culture.”

*Idan Bergman, University of Toronto*



## FIRST-YEAR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Recent high school graduates may enroll in the First-Year Study Abroad Program for the entire year or for either the autumn or spring semester. This Israel Experience opens with a pre-semester Hebrew *ulpan*. During the semester, students continue their Hebrew-language studies and take courses taught in English: the First-Year Core Seminar along with basic-level courses in Jewish, Israel and Middle Eastern Studies as well as Brain and Behavioral Sciences. Students can opt to replace one elective course with a community service project, in which they volunteer at a nonprofit organization in Jerusalem. Participants benefit from regular meetings with their program advisor, who provides academic and social support. In addition, they

enjoy field trips as well as a variety of extracurricular social and cultural activities in Jerusalem.

First-year students may also participate in **DanceJerusalem** or **ArtJerusalem** (see pages 10–12).

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/first-year>

**The Nativ College Leadership Program in Israel**, affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is designed for recent North American high school graduates. Registration is through Nativ:

<http://www.nativ.org>



**The Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance (JAMD)** is Israel's educational center for creative and performing artists in music and dance. JAMD faculty and graduates are among the leading conductors, performers, dancers, choreographers and music and dance educators throughout Israel, Europe, and North America. JAMD provides extensive opportunities for its students to appear on stage. Student and faculty ensembles, orchestras, dance ensembles and choirs have received international acclaim and participate in festivals, competitions, and special projects all over the world. DanceJerusalem and Jerusalem Sounds are programs run jointly by JAMD and RIS. An audition is required for admission to these programs.

## DANCEJERUSALEM

DanceJerusalem combines artistic training in dance, academic study and exposure to Israel's rich culture, history and diverse society. Students begin the program with a pre-semester intensive Hebrew language course (*ulpan*) in the morning and, in the afternoon, the Israeli Choreographers Workshop technique class, including rehearsals and performance of works with outstanding



## JERUSALEM SOUNDS

Israeli choreographers. Within the framework of a comprehensive seminar, "Dance in Israel," students study the development of Israeli contemporary dance, attend performances of Israeli contemporary dance companies, and travel on field trip residencies. The program offers university-level training in the disciplines of Classical Ballet, Contemporary Dance (including Ohad Naharin's Gaga), Choreography, Repertoire and Improvisation, together with Israeli dancers, choreographers and teachers. Students take 6 credits of academic courses per semester at RIS.

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/dance>

Jerusalem Sounds is designed for music majors/minors who want to combine professional music training at Israel's most prominent music academy with academic study at Israel's premier university. The program begins with a pre-semester intensive Hebrew language course (*ulpan*) in the morning and the seminar "Music in Israel: An Introduction" in the afternoon. Required courses may include, "East and West in Israeli Music," "Jewish Music" and individual private lessons. Electives may include Chamber Choir (by audition), Student Choir, several orchestras (by audition), Chamber Music Workshop and Baroque Music Workshop ensembles with Israeli peers. Students take 6 credits of academic courses per semester at RIS.

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/sounds>



## ARTJERUSALEM

**ArtJerusalem**, a joint initiative of the **Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem** and the Rothberg International School, combines artistic training, university study and first-hand exposure to Israel's challenging social, historical and cultural environment.

The Bezalel Academy is Israel's most renowned art and design institution, offering students from all over the world a wide range of theoretical and practical courses in all the different art and design media.

Studies in ArtJerusalem include a wide variety of art courses provided by the Fine Arts Department at Bezalel in areas such as etching, painting, drawing, performance, sculpture, photography and installation. Art majors or students with extensive training in art may apply, with a portfolio, for advanced studies in one of the following Bezalel departments: Architecture, Ceramics & Glass, Industrial Design, Jewelry & Fashion, Photography, Screen Based Arts, Visual Communications, and Fine Arts.

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/art>



## SPOTLIGHT ON INTERNSHIPS

Internships offer students the opportunity to go beyond the classroom and encounter Israeli society and culture, as they gain hands-on professional experience.

Students intern 8 hours each week throughout the semester and receive 1 credit. The internship grade is recorded as Pass/Fail.

Examples of internship placements:

- Hadassah University Hospital
- The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace
- Albright Institute of Archaeological Research
- Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive
- Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
- OurCrowd
- Gan Shelanu (pre-school)

**“** I appreciated the opportunity to get a feel for what it's like to work at a tech start-up [OrCam] in Jerusalem. It was a great cultural and work experience overall! **”**  
*Rebecca Silver, University of Pennsylvania*



## OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES (OSA)

Come explore Israel with activities designed especially for RIS students! OSA plans a wide array of activities throughout the year. Social events and holiday celebrations provide great opportunities to meet other international students and Israelis. Popular OSA activities include:

- Sea to Sea – three day hiking trip from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Galilee
- Overnight in Bedouin tents in the Negev Desert

- Chocolate making and tasting at Kibbutz Tzuba
- Volunteering at Ethiopian National Project

### Madrichim (Counselors)

There is a team of specially selected Israeli students, called *madrichim*, who live in the Student Village and facilitate the acclimation of RIS students to life and society in Israel. In the event of an emergency, a *madrich* is on call.

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/OSA>



“Living and studying in Jerusalem, interacting with locals, and interning in the Israeli start-up scene has provided me with the experience of a lifetime.”

*Danielle Orenshein  
Stern College*







## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Housing

Participants are housed in the modern Scopus Student Village, adjacent to the Hebrew University campus on Mount Scopus. Each student is allocated a private air-conditioned bedroom in a suite with 4 other bedrooms as well as a living room, kitchen and bathroom facilities. Reasonably priced meals and snacks may be purchased on campus as well as in a nearby shopping center.

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/housing>

### Religious Services and Activities

Jerusalem abounds with houses of worship for Jews, Christians and Muslims. On campus, the Hecht Synagogue is the focal point of Jewish religious activities. The RRG Hillel Beit Midrash program enables Jewish students of all backgrounds to explore classic Jewish texts in an open environment.

The Student Christian Forum organizes special activities and provides informal religious counseling for Christian

students. Muslim religious activities center around the mosque located on campus.

### Sports Center

The Lerner Family Indoor Sports Complex, located near the Student Village, includes a semi-Olympic swimming pool, sauna, gym, weight room and aerobic fitness center. Adjacent to the complex are ten outdoor tennis courts and two multipurpose courts. Students may participate in a wide variety of classes offered at the center.

**Free Membership included in tuition fee!**

### Academic Advising

Students receive individualized academic counseling, helping them select their courses and serving as an additional resource throughout their studies at RIS.

### Health and Counseling Services

Comprehensive student health insurance is included in the tuition fee. Students also have access to an in-house psychologist.

### Security

The safety, security and well-being of all students are of primary concern to the Hebrew University. A comprehensive security

orientation is given to all students upon arrival.

Entrances to the campus and Student Village are guarded, and all of these facilities are patrolled around the clock. Student activities, whether on- or off-campus, meet the strictest security requirements.

### Financial Aid

Generous need-based and merit-based financial aid is available.

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/financialaid>

Programs listed in this brochure are Masa approved for eligible candidates.

[www.masaisrael.org/grants](http://www.masaisrael.org/grants)



## PROGRAMS

	Pre-semester Ulpan Required	Extended Semester	Hebrew Language Requirement during Semester	Internship/Independent Study Opportunities	Minimum Credits during Semester	Semesters Offered	Special Application Process/ Criteria
<b>Undergraduate Study Abroad Program</b>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	15	Both	No
<b>Spring in Jerusalem Honors Program</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	15	Spring	Outstanding Academic Performance
<b>Dynamics of the Middle East (DOME)</b>	Yes	No	No	Yes	15	Spring	No
<b>Arabic Immersion Program</b>	No	No	No	No	17	Both	No
<b>DanceJerusalem</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	15	Both	Audition
<b>Jerusalem Sounds</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	15	Both	Audition
<b>ArtJerusalem</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	15	Both	Portfolio for Advanced Level
<b>First-Year Study Abroad Program</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No (during First Semester of Study)	15	Both	No
<b>Nativ</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	15	Fall	Application through Nativ

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